<u>REMARKS</u>

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 26, 2007. Claims 1, 9 and 11 to 14 remain pending in the application, with Claims 3, 6, 7 and 10 having been cancelled and new Claims 11 to 14 having been added herein. Claims 1, 9 and 14 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,289 (Britton) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,020,797 (Patil), U.S. Patent No. 7,210,094 (Dovin) and U.S. Publication No. 2003/015883 (Komatsu). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In the present invention, when a server that manages image data receives a print request from one of a plurality of communication terminals, the server generates a print order based on the received print request, and measures a performance time of generating the print order. In the meantime, the server checks whether the generating of the print order is complete, and controls sending of Web page information to the terminal based on the checking. Specifically, the server sends Web page information related to the print order to the terminal if the checking determines that the generating is complete before the measured performance time exceeds a predetermined time. On the other hand, the server sends an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information to the terminal if the checking determines that measured performance time exceeds the predetermined time before the checking determines that the generating is complete.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is now directed to a server apparatus which manages image data and receives a print request from

one of a plurality of communication terminals via a network, comprising generating means for generating a print order based on the print request received from the one of the plurality of communication terminals, measuring means for measuring a performance time of the generating of the print order, checking means for checking whether the generating of the print order is complete, and sending control means for controlling to send Web page information related to the print order to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the checking means determines that the generating of the print order is complete before the performance time measured by the measuring means exceeds a predetermined time period, and to send an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the performance time measured by the measuring means exceeds the predetermined time period before the checking means determines that the generating of the print order is complete.

Claims 9 and 14 are method and computer medium claims, respectively, that substantially correspond to Claim 1.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of Claims 1, 9 and 14, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a server i) measuring a performance time of generating of a print order, ii) checking whether the generating of the print order is complete, and iii) controlling to send Web page information related to the print order to one of a plurality of communication terminals that submitted a print request to the server, if the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete before the measured performance time exceeds a predetermined time period, and to send an e-mail

describing a URL for accessing the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the measured performance time exceeds the predetermined time period before the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete.

Britton teaches a system for delivering formatted documents over a network. In Britton, a Web server 42 in a vendor web site 40 creates a browser window to be displayed on a screen of a workstation 60, in which a document 45 is formatted using a template file 47, for example, as seen in Fig. 3. Thus, at best, Britton may be seen to teach that, based on a request, a document is formatted using a template and provided to the workstation to be viewed in the browser. Such is not seen to correspond to generating a print order based on a print request received from a terminal, however, as in the claimed invention. That is, Britton is directed to an entirely different field of technology than the present invention. Additionally, as rightly admitted in the Office Action, Britton does not disclose i) measuring the performance time for the generating of the print order, ii) checking whether the generating of the print order is complete, and iii) controlling to send Web page information related to the print order to one of a plurality of communication terminals that submitted a print request to the server, if the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete before the measured performance time exceeds a predetermined time period, and to send an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the measured performance time exceeds the predetermined time period before the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete.

Patil is seen to disclose a system for running software test jobs on

computers and providing heartbeat feedback to measure the progress of the test job. Like Britton, Patil is not related to the technology of the invention of generating a print order based on a received print order request. Thus, combining the alleged features of Patil with Britton would not have resulted in the present invention, and in particular, would not have resulted in the features of a server i) measuring the performance time for the generating of the print order, ii) checking whether the generating of the print order is complete, and iii) controlling to send Web page information related to the print order to one of a plurality of communication terminals that submitted a print request to the server, if the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete before the measured performance time exceeds a predetermined time period, and to send an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the measured performance time exceeds the predetermined time period before the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete.

Dovin is merely seen to disclose a web page breadcrumbing method for improving navigation of web pages. Like Britton and Patil, Dovin is not seen to relate to the technology of the invention of generating print orders and providing Web page information with the status of the generated print order. That is, Dovin's disclosure, even when combined with Britton and/or Patil, still would not have resulted in the features of a server i) measuring the performance time for the generating of the print order, ii) checking whether the generating of the print order is complete, and iii) controlling to send Web page information related to the print order to one of a plurality of communication terminals that submitted a print request to the server, if the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete before the measured performance time exceeds a

predetermined time period, and to send an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the measured performance time exceeds the predetermined time period before the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete.

Komatsu is merely seen to teach distributing an electronic business card (or image card) that includes image information including information of a sender who sends the card, as well as an email address or URL of the sender. A user of the card has software for reading the information from the card and performing a function associated with the card. Applicants fail to see the relevancy of Komatsu to the present invention, and any permissible combination of Britton, Patil, and/or Dovin, along with Komatsu, would not have resulted in the features of a server i) measuring the performance time for the generating of the print order, ii) checking whether the generating of the print order is complete, and iii) controlling to send Web page information related to the print order to one of a plurality of communication terminals that submitted a print request to the server, if the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete before the measured performance time exceeds a predetermined time period, and to send an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the measured performance time exceeds the predetermined time period before the checking determines that the generating of the print order is complete.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Claims 1, 9 and 14, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be

in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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